

Appl. No. 10/660,225
Amendment and Response dated February 6, 2008
Reply to Office Action of December 19, 2007

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REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were pending in the application.

Claims 1-18 are rejected as anticipated.

Claims 7 and 8 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 5-6, 9, and 15-18 are amended. Applicant submits the amendments are supported in the application as originally filed and that no new matter has been added.

Applicant has amended the description to correct typographical errors and to properly reflect the status of the U.S. Patent Applications cited therein.

Claims 1-6, and 9-18 remain pending in the application.

Examiner Interview

Applicant hereby acknowledges and thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview conducted February 4, 2008 between Examiner Brandon Hoffman and the Attorney for Applicant, Lisa A. Norris. In the interview, the 102(e) rejections of Claims 1-18 were discussed together with the reference Li; no agreement was reached.

Rejections under 35 USC 102

In the Office Action at page 2, Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Li et al., US Patent Pub. No. 2004/0193912, hereinafter Li.

Claims 1-8

Applicant has amended Claim 1. Applicant submits support for the amendment is found in the specification as filed, for example at least at page 3, lines 8-13; page 9, lines 4-8; page 23, line 14 through page 25, line 26; and FIG. 2.

Applicant submits that Li does not describe or suggest a security agent which **both** (1) collects normalized events generated by one or more managed products and forwards the

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normalized events to a security management system, and (2) receives normalized commands from the security management system and forwards the normalized commands to one or more managed products.

Rather, Li, for example, at FIG. 2 shows that network security policies are pushed directly from PDP 112 to PEPs 113.

Based on the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits the citations to Li relied on by the Examiner do not support an anticipation rejection of Claim 1. As Claims 2-6 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 1, for at least the same reasons as Claim 1, Claims 2-6 are also not anticipated by Li. Claims 7 and 8 were cancelled without prejudice.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejections of each of Claims 1-8.

Claims 9-15

Applicant has amended Claim 9. Applicant submits that for at least the same reasons discussed above with regard to the rejection of Claim 1, Li fails to anticipate Claim 9.

Based on the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits the citations to Li relied on by the Examiner do not support an anticipation rejection of Claim 9. As Claims 10-15 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 9, for at least the same reasons as Claim 9, Claims 10-15 are also not anticipated by Li.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejections of each of Claims 9-15.

Claims 16-18

Applicant has amended each of Claims 16, 17, and 18. Applicant submits that for at least the same reasons discussed above with regard to the rejection of Claim 1, Li fails to anticipate Claims 16, 17, and 18.

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Based on the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits the citations to Li relied on by the Examiner do not support an anticipation rejection of Claims 16, 17, and 18. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejections of each of Claims 16, 17 and 18.

Conclusion

Claims 1-6 and 9-18 remain in the application.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

Respectfully submitted,

CERTIFICATION OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. (571) 273-8300, on the date shown below.

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